

Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

Offered by Representatives Moore, Van Hollen, McCollum, Pascrell, Ryan (OH),
Bass, and Bonamici

Protect the Nutritional Safety Net

This deficit-neutral amendment opposes the Republicans' plan to convert the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) into a block grant and deeply reduce the program level. The only way to achieve those cuts is to throw people out of the program or reduce the benefit per person to a point where it will no longer cover a nutritionally sound diet. The amendment also provides additional funding to support the President's request for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

A **YES** vote on this amendment means opposing the SNAP cuts that would make it more difficult for low-income families to purchase an adequate diet and supporting WIC funding to allow more pregnant women, infants, and children to obtain highly nutritious food.

A **NO** vote means favoring tax cuts for the wealthiest members of our society at the expense of protecting an important component of the safety net at the same time that citizens in nearly every State and community are facing hunger and inadequate nutrition.

1. Increase budget authority and outlays for Function 600 by the following amounts in billions of dollars to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens have adequate food security.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
BA	1.200	1.200	1.200	18.400	18.500	18.800	19.000	19.200	19.400	19.700
Outlays	1.150	1.200	1.200	18.300	18.500	18.800	19.000	19.200	19.400	19.700

2. Adjust the aggregate levels of revenue by amounts equal to the foregoing outlay changes in paragraph 1, reflecting the reduction or elimination of: 1) the Section 199 deduction for domestic production activities for the major integrated oil companies; 2) egregious tax breaks such as tax deductions for corporate jets; 3) loopholes in our international corporate tax system that encourage the outsourcing of manufacturing and result in fewer American jobs to support the middle class; or 4) additional tax cuts for those with adjusted gross incomes above \$1 million annually.
3. Make all necessary and conforming changes to the Chairman's mark.
4. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution assumes sufficient funding so that the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) – formerly known as food stamps – will continue to meet the nutritional needs of low-income families. The resolution assumes that WIC will serve all eligible individuals seeking benefits. It further assumes that SNAP will retain its current structure. As the economy recovers, spending on SNAP will gradually decline.

The resolution accommodates this necessary level of income security funding by reducing or eliminating the following: the Section 199 deduction for domestic production activities for the major integrated oil companies; egregious tax breaks such as tax deductions for corporate jets; loopholes in our international corporate tax system that encourage the outsourcing of manufacturing and result in fewer American jobs to support the middle class; and additional tax cuts for those with adjusted gross incomes above \$1 million annually.